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1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, (Mr. S. R. Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of February, 1948 and the eight months ended February, 1948. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The Act provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides another class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives assistance to persons on account of some special circumstances, and to those persons who cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered due to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Age and Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are not included.

The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the latter months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during February, 1948 and the eight months ended February, 1948, are shown in the following table.

AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING FEBRUARY, 1948 AND THE
EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1948 : STATES.

State	Benefits paid during February, 1948.				Benefits paid during eight months ended February, 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
N.S.W. (a) ..	3,973	22,796	1,048	27,817	52,018	208,344	6,119	266,481
Victoria ..	732	14,899	791	16,422	14,335	140,043	11,242	165,620
Queensland ..	21,760	14,432	795	36,987	129,710	73,614	5,462	208,786
S.Aust.(b) ..	210	5,805	319	6,334	3,561	53,262	2,498	59,321
W.Australia..	2,177	4,391	329	6,897	31,071	39,660	3,123	73,854
Tasmania ..	162	3,433	234	3,829	2,333	26,674	1,554	30,561
<u>TOTAL:</u>	29,014	65,756	3,516	98,286	233,028	541,597	29,998	804,623

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

The following table shows for the years 1945-46 and 1946-47, and for the months February, 1947 to February, 1948, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT -
YEARS 1945-46 AND 1946-47 AND MONTHS FROM FEBRUARY, 1947.
TO FEBRUARY, 1948.
AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
CLAIMS ADMITTED									
Year 1945-46 ..	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
" 1946-47 ..	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947 -									
February ..	5,903	165	3,412	909	116	24	9,431	1,098	10,529
March ..	5,072	196	4,661	1,293	119	37	9,852	1,526	11,378
April ..	4,275	145	3,308	802	82	21	7,665	968	8,633
May ..	4,231	217	5,056	1,345	157	46	9,444	1,608	11,052
June ..	2,670	117	3,852	1,008	70	21	6,592	1,146	7,738
July ..	2,589	136	5,499	1,515	187	94	8,275	1,745	10,020
August ..	2,134	111	5,822	1,576	139	66	8,095	1,753	9,848
September ..	1,440	67	4,609	1,261	125	46	6,174	1,374	7,548
October ..	1,570	48	4,323	1,310	109	72	6,002	1,430	7,432
November ..	1,615	64	5,019	1,480	121	64	6,755	1,608	8,363
December (a) ..	1,786	53	3,078	957	816	145	5,680	1,155	6,835
1948 -									
January (a) ..	3,570	95	4,246	1,161	128	31	7,944	1,287	9,231
February (a) ..	5,291	256	3,326	1,012	472	189	9,089	1,457	10,546
DISCONTINUANCES									
Year 1945-46 ..	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
" 1946-47 ..	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947 -									
February ..	6,367	146	3,336	756	114	18	9,817	920	10,737
March ..	7,197	215	4,318	1,087	190	34	11,705	1,336	13,041
April ..	5,192	157	3,365	894	99	12	8,656	1,063	9,719
May ..	5,945	242	4,803	1,220	157	22	10,905	1,484	12,389
June ..	3,803	151	3,796	965	76	15	7,675	1,131	8,806
July ..	3,265	151	4,905	1,244	142	45	8,312	1,440	9,752
August ..	3,230	141	5,812	1,512	138	24	9,180	1,677	10,857
September ..	2,091	81	4,598	1,256	142	47	6,831	1,384	8,215
October ..	2,286	87	4,531	1,260	107	41	6,924	1,388	8,312
November ..	2,003	78	5,467	1,606	142	46	7,612	1,730	9,342
December (a) ..	866	49	3,195	995	124	113	4,185	1,157	5,342
1948 -									
January (a) ..	2,810	69	4,354	1,297	788	75	7,952	1,441	9,393
February (a) ..	2,926	108	3,195	892	420	24	6,541	1,024	7,565
PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH									
1946 -									
June ..	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 -									
February ..	11,870	317	6,669	1,937	285	223	18,824	2,477	21,301
March ..	9,745	298	7,012	2,143	214	226	16,971	2,667	19,638
April ..	8,828	286	6,955	2,051	197	235	15,980	2,572	18,552
May ..	7,114	261	7,208	2,176	197	259	14,519	2,696	17,215
June ..	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
July ..	5,305	212	7,858	2,490	236	314	13,399	3,016	16,415
August ..	4,209	182	7,868	2,554	237	356	12,314	3,092	15,406
September ..	3,558	168	7,879	2,559	220	355	11,657	3,082	14,739
October ..	2,842	129	7,671	2,609	222	386	10,735	3,124	13,859
November ..	2,454	115	7,223	2,483	201	404	9,878	3,002	12,880
December (a) ..	3,374	119	7,106	2,445	893	436	11,373	3,000	14,373
1948 -									
January (a) ..	4,134	145	6,998	2,309	233	392	11,365	2,846	14,211
February (a) ..	6,499	293	7,129	2,429	285	557	13,913	3,279	17,192

(a) Subject to Revision.

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuances was notified during February, 1948, and the eight months ended February, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING FEBRUARY, 1948,
AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefit	P E R S O N S							
	February, 1948.				Eight months ended February 1948.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	689	405	6	1,100	2,895	3,778	77	6,750
1 and under 2	953	646	352	1,951	3,597	6,398	547	10,542
2 " " 3	518	598	12	1,128	2,368	5,628	154	8,150
3 " " 4	200	585	11	796	1,676	5,499	114	7,289
4 " " 5	167	421	12	600	1,276	4,115	245	5,636
5 " " 9	293	825	29	1,147	3,106	9,508	834	13,448
9 " " 13	128	355	22	505	1,503	4,233	149	5,885
13 " " 27	118	483	15	616	2,031	4,736	190	6,957
27 and over	112	231	18	361	1,789	2,224	108	4,121
<u>TOTAL:</u>	3,178	4,549	477	8,204	20,241	46,119	2,418	68,778

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during February, 1948 and the eight months ended February, 1948 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING FEBRUARY, 1948 AND THE EIGHT
MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1948 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefit	February, 1948.				Eight months ended February 1948.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	3.5	5.1	3.8	4.4	8.8	4.8	4.5	6.0
13 " "	7.2	15.7	6.9	11.9	18.9	15.1	12.3	16.1
9 " "	11.3	23.5	11.5	18.1	26.3	24.3	18.5	24.7
5 " "	20.5	41.6	17.6	32.0	41.6	44.9	53.0	44.2
4 " "	25.7	50.9	20.1	39.4	48.0	53.8	63.1	52.4
3 " "	32.0	63.8	22.4	49.1	56.2	65.7	67.8	63.0
2 " "	48.3	76.9	25.0	62.8	67.9	77.9	74.2	74.9
1 " "	78.3	91.1	98.7	86.6	85.7	91.8	96.8	90.2
Less than 1	21.7	8.9	1.3	13.4	14.3	8.2	3.2	9.8

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during February, 1948 and the eight months ended February, 1948 are shown below:-

REASON FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING
FEBRUARY, 1948 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1948.
AUSTRALIA.

Reason for Cessation	February, 1948.				Eight months ended February 1948.			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	1,660	52.24	2,445	53.75	11,084	54.76	25,196	54.63
Incapacity terminated ..	-	-	1,448	31.83	-	-	12,899	27.97
Failure to report (a) ..	1,230	38.70	99	2.19	6,974	34.45	1,684	3.65
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act ..	78	2.46	72	1.58	754	3.73	593	1.29
Statutory age limit (b) ..	8	0.25	6	0.13	115	0.57	108	0.23
Permanent incapacity (c) ..	19	0.60	153	3.36	294	1.45	1,964	4.26
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance ..	3	0.09	105	2.31	36	0.18	1,219	2.64
Death ..	3	0.09	68	1.50	18	0.09	749	1.63
Transfer to another district	41	1.29	77	1.69	370	1.83	776	1.68
Other ..	136	4.23	76	1.67	596	2.94	931	2.02
TOTAL:	3,178	100.00	4,549	100.00	20,241	100.00	46,119	100.00

- (a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pensions.
(c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pensions.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF FEBRUARY, 1948.

Total Persons

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in Employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 28th February, 1948, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 67 per 10,000 comprising 26 unemployment, 37 sickness and 4 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females separately:-

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH FEBRUARY, 1948.
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	per 10,000 males	35	38	1	74
Females	Per 10,000 females	4	35	8	47
Persons	per 10,000 persons	26	37	4	67

(ii) State Totals : The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 28th February, 1948:-

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH FEBRUARY, 1948 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
N.S.W. (a) ..	444	56	2,769	866	33	113	3,246	1,035	4,281
Victoria ..	81	5	1,644	732	47	89	1,772	826	2,598
Queensland ..	5,603	223	1,177	325	78	71	6,858	619	7,477
S.Australia(b) ..	39	2	677	211	16	34	732	247	979
W.Australia ..	309	7	525	209	99	212	933	428	1,361
Tasmania ..	23	-	337	86	12	38	372	124	496
TOTAL:	6,499	293	7,129	2,429	285	557	13,913	3,279	17,192

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 28th February, 1948, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH FEBRUARY, 1948.
AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st Dec. 1947.	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	394	98	518	540	9	34	921	672	1,593
20 - 24 "	719	78	716	575	28	88	1,463	741	2,204
25 - 29 "	696	23	524	282	21	75	1,241	380	1,621
30 - 34 "	625	18	584	190	24	56	1,233	264	1,497
35 - 39 "	595	15	608	169	20	59	1,223	243	1,466
40 - 44 "	598	13	710	181	7	63	1,315	257	1,572
45 - 49 "	742	18	798	204	5	66	1,545	288	1,833
50 - 54 "	643	10	783	160	2	62	1,428	232	1,660
55 - 59 "	732	16	993	125	7	34	1,732	175	1,907
60 years and over	755	4	895	3	162	20	1,812	27	1,839
<u>TOTAL:</u>	6,499	293	7,129	2,429	285	557	13,913	3,279	17,192

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING FEBRUARY, 1948 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF FEBRUARY, 1948.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during February, 1948 and the eight months ended February, 1948 and by those who were on benefit at 28th February, 1948.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING FEBRUARY, 1948 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admitted during February, 1948		Admitted during 8 months ended February, 1948		On Benefit at 28th February, 1948.	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Discharged or Laid Off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	15	2	172	7	33	2
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness ..	66	1	743	37	134	6
Power rationing ..	1	-	27	11	9	3
Shortage of materials ..	538	31	1,261	51	523	34
Strikes and lock-outs ..	2,456	132	2,731	134	1,239	84
Seasonal Work ..	1,062	15	4,182	28	2,052	22
Casual work ..	321	6	3,126	47	635	8
Other including inadequately defined ..	493	27	3,622	175	957	41
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness work too heavy ..	272	27	2,209	225	537	62
Other quits, including inadequately defined ..	139	14	1,203	77	219	14
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account ..	42	1	470	2	106	2
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	18	-	212	4	48	-
Other ..	5	6	37	32	7	15
<u>TOTAL:</u>	5,428	262	19,995	830	6,499	293

(ii) Industrial Groups: In the following statement is shown the distribution, according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during February, 1948 and the eight months ended February, 1948, and of those on benefit at 28th February, 1948:-

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING FEBRUARY, 1948.
AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admitted during February, 1948		Admitted during 8 months ended February, 1948		On Benefit at 28th February 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Agriculture, Pastoral & Dairying..	887	-	2,939	6	1,313	1
Other Primary Production ..	40	-	245	-	67	-
Coal Mining ..	223	-	482	-	56	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	39	-	345	-	62	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding	69	3	926	22	165	5
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	168	-	419	-	114	-
Textiles and articles of dress ..	18	14	156	82	35	22
Food, drink and tobacco ..	835	39	3,469	86	1,521	50
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	76	2	423	6	114	2
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	90	1	728	26	160	5
Building and Construction ..	535	-	2,820	-	747	-
Transport and Communication ..	2,039	135	3,032	158	1,249	89
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade ..	198	22	1,441	119	332	30
Finance and property ..	8	-	97	6	23	3
Public Administration and Professional ..	90	4	1,250	64	276	10
Personal and Domestic Service ..	88	36	910	220	202	62
Other ..	25	6	313	35	63	14
<u>TOTAL:</u>	5,428	262	19,995	830	6,499	293

Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 28th February, 1948, in the principal industrial groups is shown in the following table :-

UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 28TH FEBRUARY, 1948 : STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
Agriculture, Pastoral, etc. ..	50	9	1,231	4	18	1	1,313
Other Primary, including mining ..	35	3	134	-	12	1	185
Engineering, etc. including vehicles ..	84	4	158	9	23	1	279
Food, Drink, etc. Factories ..	22	10	1,463	2	22	2	1,521
Other Factories ..	58	8	190	4	45	4	309
Building and Construction ..	52	10	652	3	27	3	747
Transport and Communication ..	20	12	1,173	5	32	7	1,249
Commerce and Finance ..	37	13	251	6	47	1	355
Public Administration and Professional ..	40	7	190	4	33	2	276
Personal and Domestic Service ..	36	3	126	2	35	-	202
Other ..	10	2	35	-	15	1	63
<u>TOTAL 28TH FEBRUARY, 1948:</u>	444	81	5,603	39	309	23	6,499
<u>TOTAL 22ND FEBRUARY, 1947:</u>	2,301	890	7,642	152	838	47	11,870

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the eight months ended February, 1948, and the persons on benefit at 28th February, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during eight months ended February, 1948.				On Benefit at 28th February, 1948.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b) ..	738	19	1,970	182	153	6	291	50
Victoria ..	246	45	549	8	27	5	54	-
Queensland ..	4,248	174	9,955	338	944	59	4,659	164
South Australia (c) ..	128	2	67	1	33	2	6	-
Western Australia ..	1,555	34	389	27	280	6	29	1
Tasmania ..	127	-	23	-	18	-	5	-
TOTAL:	7,042	274	12,953	556	1,455	78	5,044	215

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Departments of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan".
 (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING FEBRUARY, 1948 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF FEBRUARY, 1948.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefits whose admission was notified during the eight months ended February, 1948, and those current at 28th February, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during eight months ended February, 1948.				On Benefit at 28th February, 1948.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b) ..	7,700	2,812	5,415	1,102	1,534	612	1,235	254
Victoria ..	5,659	2,150	2,840	731	1,076	561	568	171
Queensland ..	2,612	781	2,968	519	583	207	594	118
South Australia (c) ..	2,673	684	1,201	199	516	180	161	31
Western Australia ..	1,918	706	1,305	251	368	161	157	48
Tasmania ..	708	166	923	171	144	44	193	42
TOTAL:	21,270	7,299	14,652	2,973	4,221	1,765	2,908	664

(a) See footnote to table 6 (iii) (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes N.T.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons on sickness benefit at 28th February, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : PERSONS ON SICKNESS BENEFIT AT 28TH FEBRUARY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying ..	612	20	632
Other Primary Production ..	156	1	157
Coal Mining ..	232	1	233
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	143	2	145
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metalworking, including shipbuilding	997	91	1,088
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	354	19	373
Textiles and articles of dress ..	218	468	686
Food, drink and tobacco ..	485	129	614
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	302	16	318
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	689	140	829
Building and Construction ..	994	7	1,001
Transport and Communication ..	653	70	723
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and retail trade ..	666	439	1,105
- Finance and property ..	43	38	81
Public Administration and Professional ..	216	387	603
Personal and Domestic Service ..	345	592	937
Other ..	24	9	33
TOTAL:	7,129	2,429	9,558

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal causes of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during February, 1948 and the eight months ended February, 1948, and of those on benefit at 28th February, 1948:-

NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING FEBRUARY, 1948
AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admitted during February, 1948.		Admitted during eight months ended Feb. 1948.		On Benefit at 28th February, 1948.	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Infective and Parasitic Diseases..	228	80	2,213	652	304	166
Cancer ..	26	7	257	53	85	20
Other Tumours ..	28	24	315	236	85	60
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases..	214	79	2,140	696	535	227
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs ..	19	24	131	172	34	58
Nervous System and Sense Organs..	379	158	3,134	1,310	774	335
Circulatory System ..	317	41	2,971	436	881	149
Respiratory System ..	334	82	4,154	899	643	198
Digestive System ..	965	288	8,029	2,338	1,356	368
Gonito-Urinary System ..	195	95	1,492	861	327	192
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	86	-	670	-	190
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	262	62	2,102	479	333	69
Bones and Organs of Movement ..	95	28	848	211	193	67
Other Diseases (including Ill-defined conditions) ..	64	33	593	269	118	74
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	366	39	3,589	397	918	138
Other Injuries, etc. ..	377	45	3,583	395	454	68
Operations (original disability not stated) ..	33	24	232	159	61	41
Other (Including not stated) ..	21	3	139	39	28	9
<u>TOTAL:</u>	3,923	1,198	35,922	10,272	7,129	2,429

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the eight months ended February, 1948, and those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below. No further dissection of rejected claims has been made but it is hoped to extract further information at a later date.

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1948 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejects to total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.(a)	5,534	2,625	19,617	2,588	493	132	25,644	5,345	20.84
Victoria	1,781	933	13,338	1,958	1,327	137	16,446	3,028	18.41
Q'ld.	24,346	9,631	8,210	1,330	517	173	33,073	11,134	33.66
S.A. (b)	326	128	5,915	1,158	150	48	6,391	1,334	20.87
W.A.	3,032	1,027	4,888	708	777	37	8,697	1,772	20.37
Tasmania	206	56	2,219	251	95	28	2,520	335	13.29
<u>TOTAL:</u>	35,225	14,400	54,187	7,993	3,359	555	92,771	22,948	24.74

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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